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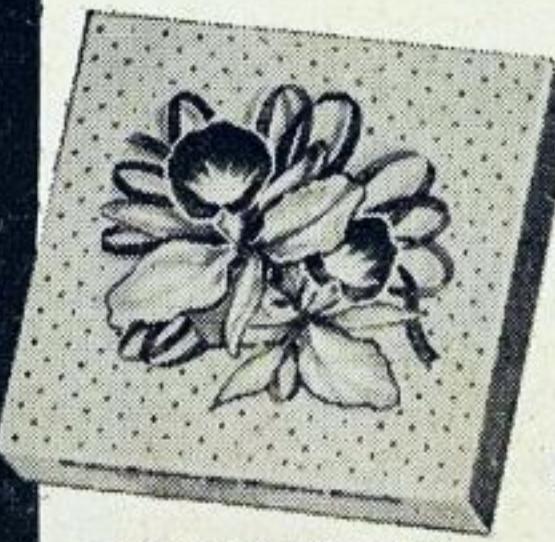
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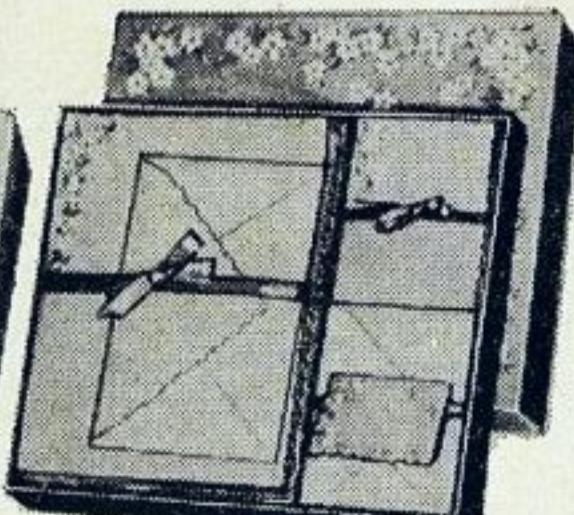
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The HOODED HORSEMAN



IT STARTED WITH A SHIVER OF TERROR SPREADING LIKE WILDFIRE THROUGH THE WHOLE SOUTHWEST TERRITORY! SETTLERS IN OUTLYING CABINS FLUNG THEIR FAMILIES INTO WAGONS AND RACED FOR THE NEAREST STOCKADES, ABANDONING LIVESTOCK AND CROPS TO THE RED TIDE BENT ON MASSACRE! AND IN ALL THE FEAR-STRUCK TOWNS GRIM MEN WAITED FOR THE HORROR THEY KNEW WAS COMING... THE AWFUL SPECTACLE OF THE FRONTIER ONCE MORE BURSTING INTO FLAME!

This was a common event in the Southwest during that terrible summer of 1843...



And in the few stockades, this was a common question...



The courageous scouts who patrolled the frontier brought back the same reports...



"MEANWHILE, NOT KNOWIN' A THING ABOUT THESE GOIN'S-ON, ME AN' FLASH WERE APPROACHIN' SILVER CITY, NEVADA..."

SHORE WILL BE GLAD TUH SEE CIVILIZATION AFTER ALL THESE WEEKS ON THE TRAIL, FLASH! WE KIN BOTH USE A LONG SPELL O' PEACE AN' QUIET!"



"BUT IN THE TOWN ITSELF, THE STILLNESS STRUCK ME AS MIGHTY PECULIAR..."

WONDER WHY THE STORES IS CLOSED--AN' HOW COME THE HOUSES ARE BOARDED UP THATAWAY? THINGS IS TOO QUIET! RECKON WE'D BETTER MOSEY OVER TUH THE SALOON!"



"INSTEAD OF A TINKLIN' PIANO AN' HEARTY LAUGHTER, THAR WAS ONLY A HEAVY, BROODIN' SILENCE AN' SULLEN MEN DRINKIN' GRIMLY..."

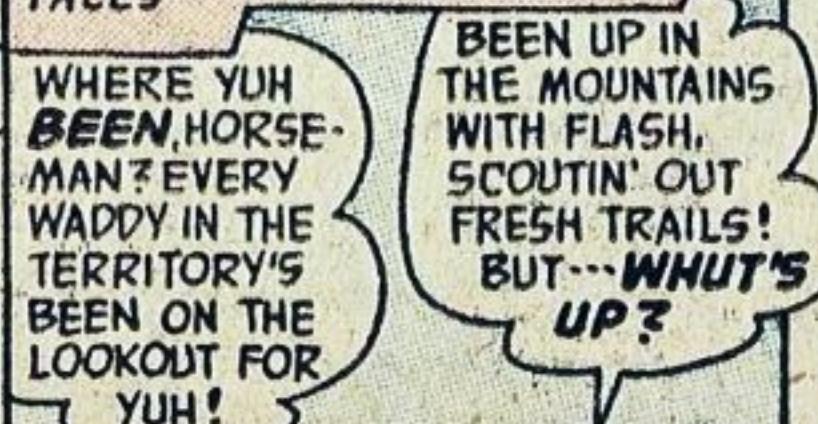
WHUT'S GOIN' ON, PARDS? JUST COME FROM A FUNERAL?

HOPPIN' HORNED TOADS! IT'S... THE HOODED HORSEMAN!



"THE COWPOKES AN' SETTLERS JUMPED TO THEIR FEET REAL QUICK--AN' I THOUGHT I SAW HOPE FLOODIN' INTO THEIR SET FACES..."

WHERE YUH BEEN, HORSEMAN? EVERY WADDY IN THE TERRITORY'S BEEN ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YUH!



BEEN UP IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH FLASH, SCOUTIN' OUT FRESH TRAILS! BUT... WHUT'S UP?

YUH MEAN YUH DON'T KNOW? SIMMERIN' SAGE-BRUSH, HORSEMAN, CRAZY BEAR'S BUSTED OUTA THE FEDERAL LOCK-UP IN DALLAS... AND GOT THROUGH TUH THE COMANCHES IN THE BADLANDS!

JUMPIN' BLUE BLAZES!



"EVERY HOMBRE IN THE WEST KNEW THE BLOODY HISTORY OF THE GREAT CRAZY BEAR... THE ONLY CHIEF WITH ENOUGH PRESTIGE TUH UNITE THE WARRING TRIBES AGAINST THE HATED WHITES..."

THE FRONTIER WAREN'T SAFE FER MAN OR BEAST WHILE CRAZY BEAR WAS ON THE WARPATH... AN' NOW THAT HE'S BACK THAR'LL BE MASS-ACREES APLENTY! HE MUST BE JEST ITCHIN' FER REVENGE AFTER 5 YARS IN THE HOOSLEGOW!



IT WAS YOU WHO CAPTURED CRAZY BEAR FIVE YEARS AGO, HORSEMAN, AND AN INJUN NEVER FORGITS... 'SPECIALY HIM!'

LEMME BE A SPELL BY MUHSELF, SHERIFF! I KIN USE SOME CHOW---AN' I GOT TUH DO SOME HEAVY THINKIN'!



"MUH MIND FLASHED BACK INTUH THE PAST...BACK TUH FIVE YARS BEFORE...TUH THE EXPLOIT WHICH FUST MADE MUH NAME KNOWN EVERYWHAR IN THE WEST..."

WARN'T NO MORE'N A KID THEN
---IT WAS JEST AFTER I SWARE TUH GIVE MUH LIFE TUH LAW AN' ORDER!
RECKON CRAZY BEAR REMEMBERS RIGHT WELL TOO...

"I'D HAPPENED AT THE HEIGHT OF THE GREAT CHIEF'S POWER, WHEN ALL THE REDSKIN TRIBES WERE UNDER HIS SOLE COMMAND! I'D TAKEN A VOW NEVER TUH KILL, BUT I WAS SET ON GETTIN' CRAZY BEAR, SOMEHOW---AN' SO DIS-ORGANIZE THE INJUNS! I'D STOLEN INTUH HOSTILE TERRITORY AT NIGHT, AN' TRAVELIN' ONLY UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS, I'D MADE MUH WAY TUH A BLUFF OVERLOOKIN' THE CAMP OF THE CHIEF HIMSELF! DAYS PASSED IN SILENT AN' DANGEROUS OBSERVATION..."

RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! EVERY MORNIN' CRAZY BEAR GOES FOR A SWIM IN THAT MOUNTAIN LAKE...ALONE...

"NEXT DAY, JUST BEFORE DAWN, I CREPT STEALTHILY TUH THE WATER'S EDGE, AN' SUNK MUHSELF AMONG THE TALL REEDS, HIDIN' MUH HORSE AN' FLASH NOT FAR AWAY! I WAITED LONG, WET HOURS, UNTIL..."

HE'S COMIN'! MY TIMIN'S GOTTA BE PERFECT... OR I'LL BE BUZZARD BAIT!

"STEELIN' MUH COURAGE, I TOOK A DEEP GULP OF AIR AN' NOISELESSLY BREAST-STROKED UNDER WATER TOWARDS THE CHIEF---SO AS TUH COME UP BEHIND HIM! THEN..."

UGH!

WHAM!

"WITH THE INJUN VILLAGE UEST A STONE'S THROW AWAY, THE FOLLOWIN' MOMENTS WERE THE MOST TICKLISH IN MUH YOUNG LIFE..."

HE...WEIGHS A TON! AN' WITH THAT SKULL MORE LIKE A BUFFALO'S THAN A MAN, THERE'S NO TELLIN' WHEN HE'LL COME TO...

"BUT LUCK WAS WITH ME, AND BEFORE CRAZY BEAR REVIVED, THE ROPE AN' GAG I'D HIDDEN IN THE REEDS HAD DONE THEIR WORK..."

MMNNN... MMNNN...

ONE MORE GRUNT OUTA YOU AN' YUH'RE DEAD! WE'RE STAYIN' PUT TILL DARK, AN' THEN WE'RE MOVIN' REAL SLOW AND CAUTIOUS TUH WHAR THAR'S FEDERAL TROOPS!

"AN' SO IT WAS THAT ONE WEEK LATER I TURNED OVER MUH ENRAGED PRISONER TUH THE ARMY AUTHORITIES..."

YOU'VE DONE SINGLE-HANDED WHAT ALL MY TROOPS COULDN'T, HORSEMAN! WE'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH THE REDSKINS FROM NOW ON!

YOU NO KEEP CRAZY BEAR IN JAIL! CRAZY BEAR ESCAPE, AND SWEAR BY INDIAN GODS TO KILL HOODED HORSEMAN... WITH BARE HANDS!

"MUH LONG REVERIE CAME TUH AN END, AN' I STARTED TOYIN' WITH A DANGEROUS IDEE..."



YUP, THAR'S JEST ONE WAY OF MEBBE STOPPIN' THET CRAZY REDSKIN... AN' IT'S A MIGHTY SLIM CHANCE!

"SATISFIED THAT MUH PLAN WASN'T COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE, I TOOK THE SHERIFF INTO MUH CONFIDENCE..."



YUH MUST BE PLUMB LOCO, HORSEMAN... IT'S LIKE COMMITTIN' SUICIDE!

MUH MIND'S MADE UP, SHERIFF! ALL I'M ASKIN' IS FER YUH TO LOOK AFTER FLASH! SEEIN' AS HOW I DON'T FIGURE TUH COME BACK ALIVE, I DON'T WANT THEM REDSKINS TUH GET HIM TOO!

"IT WASN'T EASY FOR ME TUH LEAVE MUH SIDEKICK, BUT THE KNOWLEDGE THAT IT WAS FOR HIS OWN GOOD GAVE ME STRENGTH..."

I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE HOUND, HORSEMAN... AN' BLESS YUH!

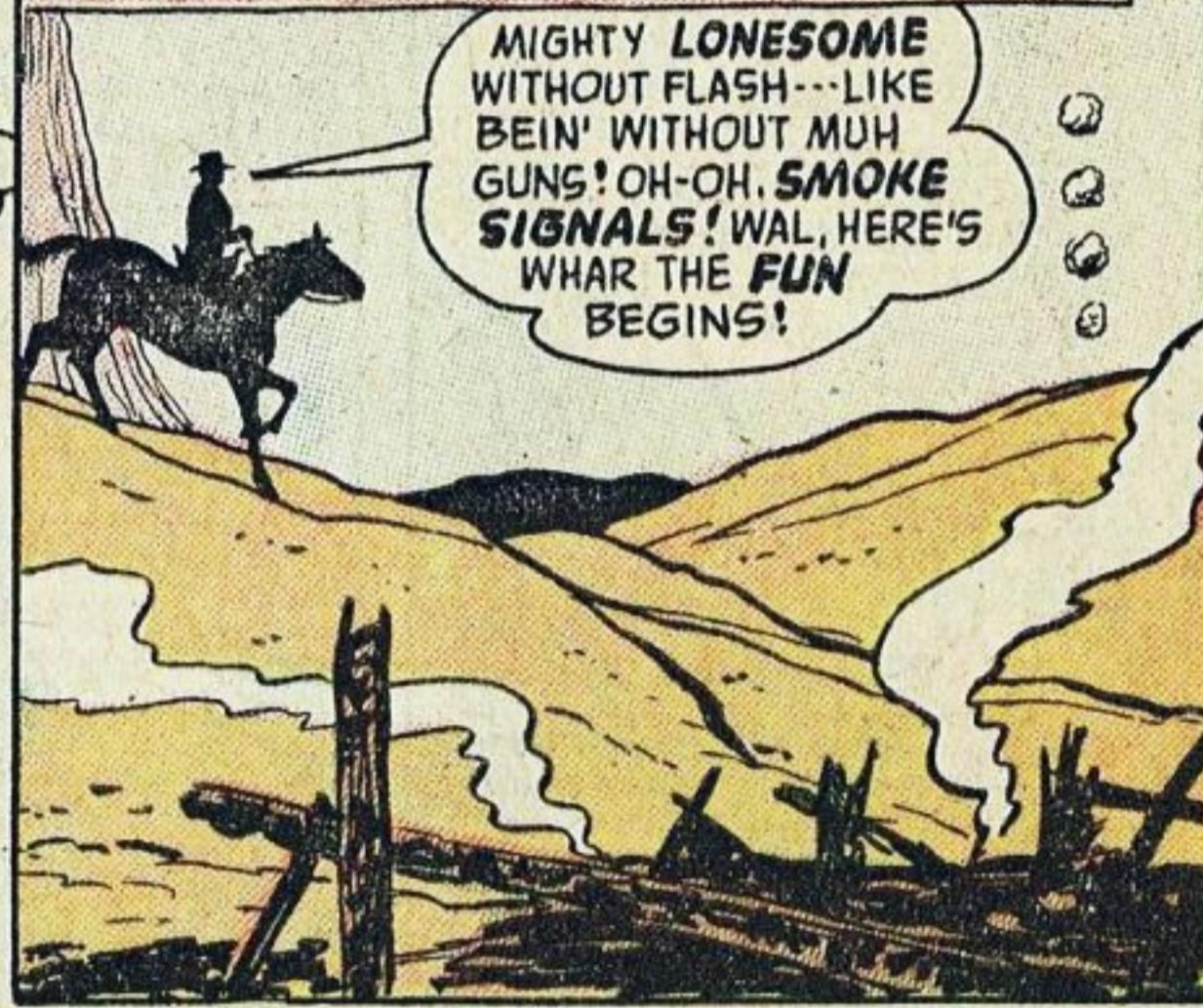
THE WAY PORE FLASH IS WHININ'... IT GOES RIGHT THROUGH ME! RECKON HE DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT I GOT TUH LEAVE HIM!



YIP!
YIP!

"ALONE, I RODE TOWARD THE WILD INJUN COUNTRY! ALL ALONG THE WAY WERE BURNED-OUT FARMHOUSES, ABANDONED PROPERTY... AN' SILENCE! DAYS LATER..."

MIGHTY LONESOME WITHOUT FLASH... LIKE BEIN' WITHOUT MUH GUNS! OH-OH, SMOKE SIGNALS! WAL, HERE'S WHAR THE FUN BEGINS!



"SPURRIN' MUH HORSE, I GALLOPED TOWARDS THE DISTANT MOUNTAINS... MAKIN' SURE TUH RAISE A CLOUD OF DUST! THEN I SAW 'EM, THE PAINTED WAR PARTY, SWOOPIN' DOWN..."

EE-YA!
EE-YA!

I'M BETTIN' THEY WON'T TRY TUH RAISE MUH SCALP WHEN THEY SEE THIS FLAG OF TRUCE, AN' FIND OUT WHO I AM!

"THE FLAG BROUGHT THE SCREAMIN' REDSKINS TUH A NERVOUS HALT, AN' WHEN I ANNOUNCED MUH NAME..."

YOU... HOODED HORSEMAN? CRAZY HORSE COMMAND NO BRAVE HARM YOU! HE SWEAR KILL YOU WITH OWN HANDS!

YOU COME!

THAT'S WHUT I'M HERE FOR, AMIGO! LET'S RIDE!

"ON THE WAY TUH THE CHIEF'S STRONGHOLD WE PASSED MANY VILLAGES, AN' EVERYWHAR MUH NAME SENT MORE BRAVES LEAPIN' TUH HORSEBACK... JUST ITCHIN' TUH SEE THE COMIN' FIGHT! IT WAS A HUGE PARTY WHICH ENTERED THE COMANCHE CAMP..."

TELL CRAZY BEAR WE HAS NOT SMILED SINCE RETURN FROM WHITE MAN'S JAIL, BUT NOW...

CRAZY BEAR

HAS NOT SMILED SINCE RETURN FROM WHITE MAN'S JAIL, BUT NOW...

HE WILL!



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THE GODS HAVE HEARD MY VOW, WHITE MAN! DAWN SHALL WITNESS OUR COMBAT... TO THE DEATH! LET ALL MY BRAVES BE GATHERED IN RED SAUCER CANYON AT DAYBREAK... TO SEE THEIR CHIEF DESTROY HIS SWORN ENEMY!

"THAT NIGHT IN THE INJUN CAMP THAR WAS A TREMENDOUS WAR DANCE, WITH THOUSANDS O' BRAVES WHIPPIN' THEMSELVES INTUH A FRENZY! I LISTENED TUH THEIR WILD HOLLERIN' IN THE TENT RESERVED FOR ME, ALONE AND KINDA DOWN AT THE MOUTH---"

MEBBE I WAS LOCO TUH TRY THIS! I KIN HOLD MUH OWN AGIN A NORMAL MAN, BUT CRAZY BEAR'S A MONSTER! BUT I GOT TUH GIVE IT A TRY---SEEIN' AS IT'S THE ONLY HOPE O' STOPPIN' WIMMEN AN' KIDS FROM GITTIN' THEIR HA'R LIFTED!

TARNATION, SHORE WISH I COULD SEE OL' FLASH AGIN!

EE-YAA! EE-YAA!

VIP!

"I HAD NO WAY OF KNOWIN' THAT SCANT HOURS BEFORE, IN SILVER CITY, THE SHERIFF HAD BECOME MIGHTY WORRIED---"

THE PORE CRITTUR'S BEEN PININ' FIT TUH DIE SINCE THE HORSEMAN LEFT! BUT MEBBE IT'S THIS LEASH THAT'S BOTHERIN' HIM---BEIN' SUCH A WILD CUSS HE AIN'T USED TO IT!

"NO SOONER WAS FLASH FREE OF THE LEASH THAN---"

JUMPIN' JIMINY---HE'S GONE LOCO!

CRASH!

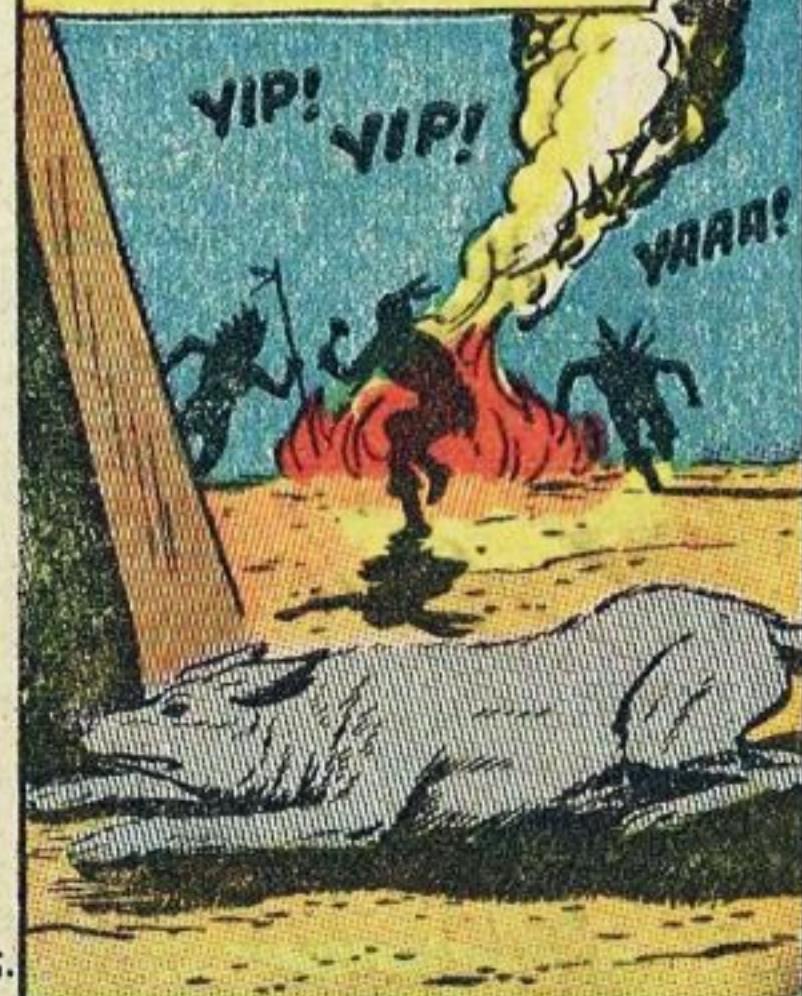
COME BACK, BOY! BACK!

"ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN FLASH PAUSED JEST LONG ENOUGH TUH PICK UP THE TRAIL! THEN, RUNNING LIKE THE WIND, HE FLASHED OUT TOWARDS INJUN COUNTRY!"

"LIKE AN ARROW, THE DOG'S WEIRD INSTINCTS BORE HIM STRAIGHT TUH HIS DESTINATION! BELOW WERE THE SHRIEKIN' REDSKINS, AN' HERE HIS ALMOST HUMAN INTELLIGENCE CAME INTUH PLAY! HE WAS ALL CAUTION NOW, SNIFFIN' THE WIND FOR THE FAMILIAR SCENT---"



"SLOWLY, VERY SLOWLY, MUH WILY HOUND SLITHERED TOWARDS HIS LONG TIME PARD, HIS KEEN NOSE AS TRUE AS A COMPASS---"



"MOVIN' LIKE A GHOST FLASH
CREPT EVER CLOSER TUH HIS
GOAL...TILL FINALLY..."

GREAT DAY
IN THE
MORNIN'...
FLASH!

"IT WAS NO TIME FOR A JOYOUS
REUNION---NOT WHEN THE SLIGH-
EST SOUND MIGHT HAVE MEANT
DEATH!"

SIMMER DOWN, BOY...
SHHH! I DON' KNOW HOW
YUH DID IT, FLASH, BUT
I'LL BE SWITCHED IF
YUH DON'T GIVE
ME AN IDEE!

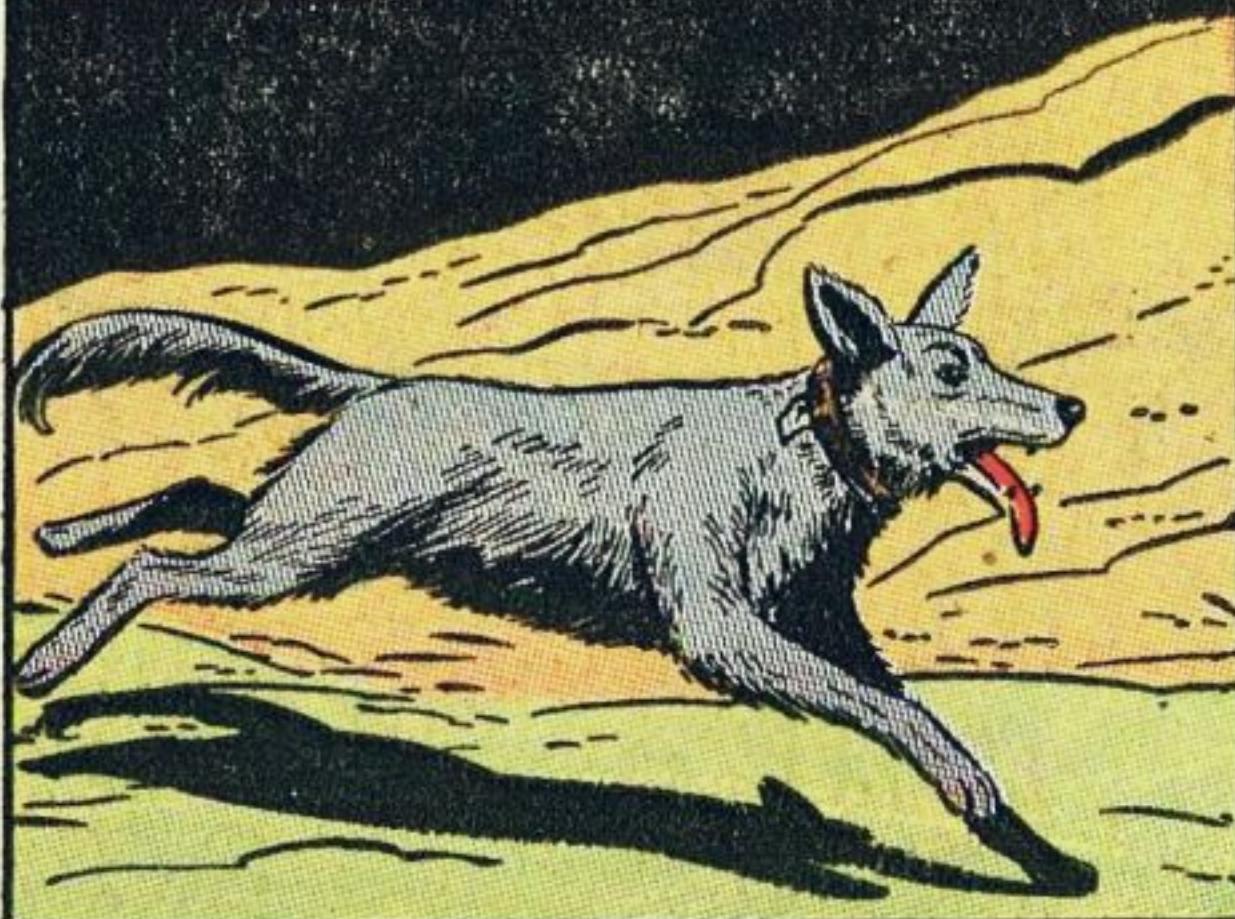
"HASTILY, BY FLICKERIN' LIGHT, I
SCRIBBLED A NOTE TUH THE
SHERIFF OF SILVER CITY..."

I'M TYIN' THIS
TO YORE COLLAR,
FLASH...AN' I'M
DEPENDIN' ON
YUH TUH GET
THIS RIGHT
BACK TUH
WHAR YUH
CAME
FROM!

"FLASH UNDERSTOOD HIS TASK, AN' ONCE MORE GREAT
CUNNING WAS REQUIRED---THIS TIME TUH GET OUT OF
THE INJUN CAMP UNSEEN! IT WAS NOT ONLY MY LIFE
WHICH DEPENDED ON HIM NOW---BUT THE LIVES OF
THOUSANDS!"

"IT WAS A LONG SHOT, OF COURSE---BUT IT STEELED
MUH DETERMINATION! EVERYTHIN' DEPENDED ON **TIME**
NOW---TIME FOR FLASH TUH GET BACK, TIME FOR
RIDERS TUH GALLOP AND GET WHATEVER FEDERAL
TROOPS WERE AVAILABLE FOR THE AMBUSH OF THE
PREOCCUPIED REDSKINS! AT DAWN..."

THIS BATTLE IS TO THE FINISH!
NO QUARTER HAS BEEN ASKED OR
WILL BE GIVEN! BEHOLD, THE SUN
HAS RISEN... **LET THE STRUGGLE
COMMENCE!**
EE-YAA!



"NEVER HAD A SINGLE COMBAT EVER
BEEN SEEN BY SO MANY IN THE
ENTIRE HISTORY OF THE BLAZIN'
WEST---AN IT WAS A BATTLE NONE
EVER FORGOT..."

UGH!
POW!

"IT WAS HIS SHEER OVERWHELMING
BRAWN AGAINST ALL THE STRENGTH
AN' BATTLE SCIENCE I COULD
MUSTER..."

YOU DIE,
WHITE MAN
...AAGH!

NOT BEFORE
YUH KNOW
YUH'VE BEEN
IN A
FIGHT!



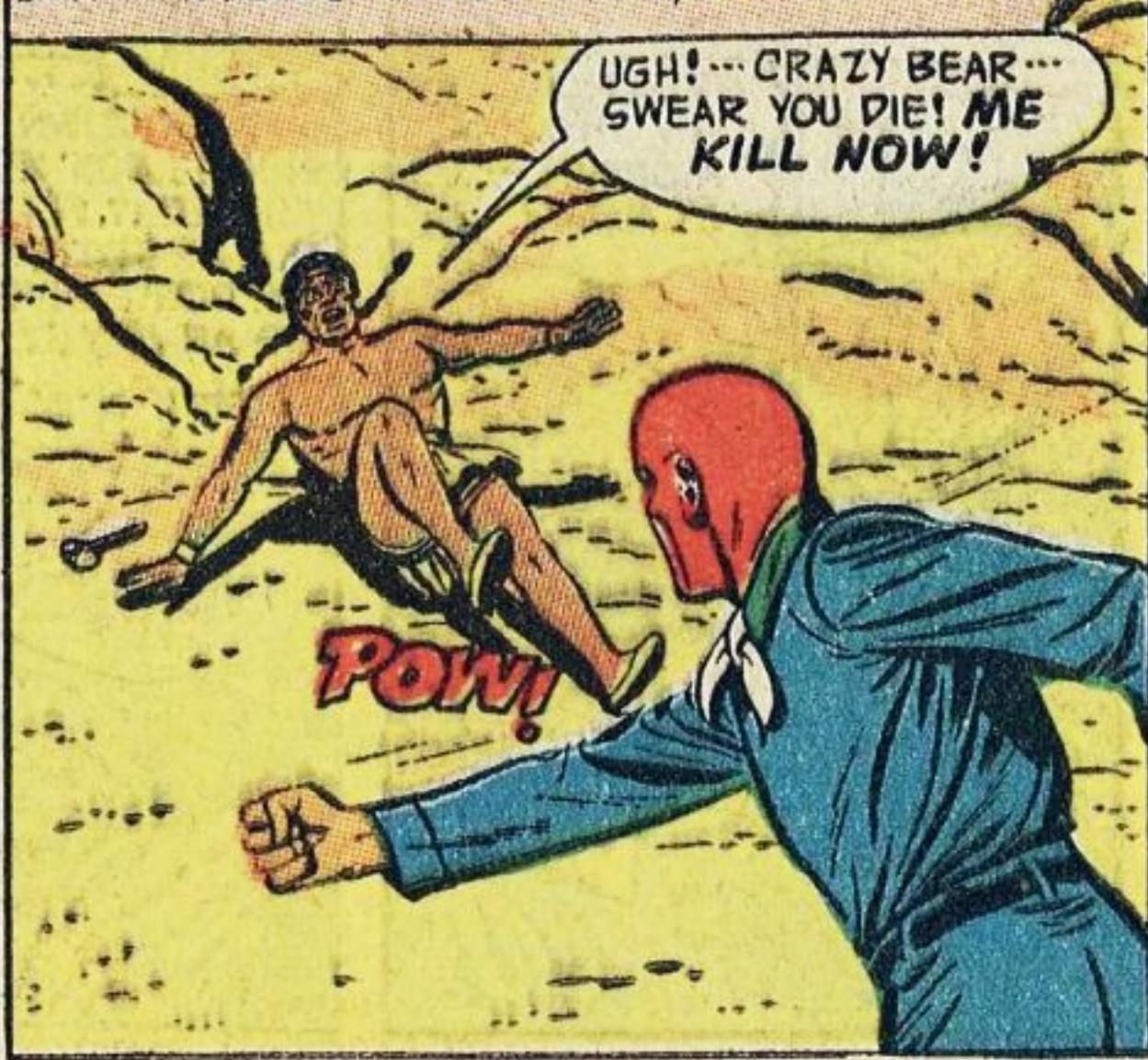
"CRAZY BEAR CRASHED OVER BLOW
AFTER BLOW! THE ASSEMBLED
INJUNS WERE AMAZED AT MUH
ABILITY TO TAKE PUNISHMENT---
FOR THEY DIDN'T NOTICE HOW
I WAS ROLLIN' WITH THE
PUNCHES, SLIPPIN', BOBBIN'
AN' WEAVIN'..."



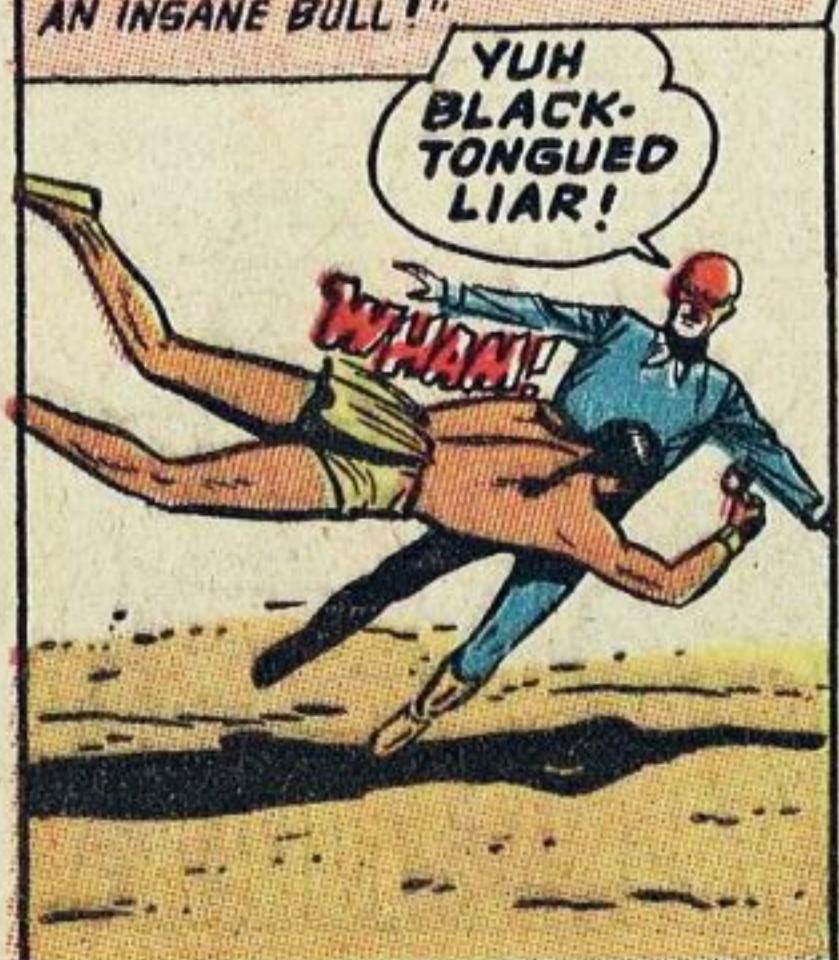
"AND THEN, THE TIDE OF BATTLE TURNED! ARM WEARY,
CRAZY BEAR RELAXED FOR A SECOND---JEST LONG
ENOUGH FOR ME TUH CRASH OVER A PULVERIZIN' BLOW
TO THE SOLAR PLEXUS..."



"AS SOON AS I SAW MUH OPENIN', MUH FISTS STARTED
BEATIN' A DEADLY TATTOO--UNTIL, A HAYMAKER!"



"THE CHIEF WAS PLAIN LOCO NOW,
AN' FORGETTIN' HIS VOINS OF HONOR.
HE GRABBED A LOOSE TOMAHAWK!
THEN, TUH THE HORROR OF EVEN HIS
OWN FOLLOWERS---HE ATTACKED LIKE
AN INSANE BULL!"



"HIS ENORMOUS BULK SPILLED ME
RIGHT OVER--AN' I SAW THE DEADLY
TOMAHAWK GLINT IN THE SUN--"



"SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A BLACK
STREAK AN' 60 POUNDS OF
CANINE FIGHTIN' FURY!"



"AN' NEXT MOMENT---THE U.S. CAVALRY, WHO HAD
MOVED INTUH POSITION WHILE THE INJUNS WERE
ABSORBED IN THE STRUGGLE---"



"WAL, THE MOP-UP WAS EASY! SOON AFTERWARDS
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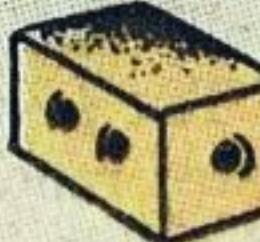
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"PLEASE, miss, do you—do you have any sort of job I could do around your ranch?"

Patricia Brent, owner of the Bar Z spread, glanced at the applicant, annoyed. This was no typical Texas wrangler—far from it. Thin, pale, weak-looking—obviously an easterner. She was about to dismiss him with a curt refusal, but the mute appeal in his eyes stopped her. "Cook needs an assistant," she retorted shortly. "Tell him he's to take you on!"

Gary Simmons—that was the tenderfoot's name—found life no bed of roses at the Bar Z. Pete, the cook, sized him up as one hombre he could lick—and made his life miserable from the start. He bullied the newcomer within an inch of his harassed life and worked him ragged. And there was no trick too mean for him to play on poor Gary. Like: "Go down to the foreman an' tell him to give you the ranch warmer!" Timidly, Gary made the request of Tex Lambert, the brawny and evil-tempered ranch superintendent. "Sure," sneered Tex. "Come jist a little closer, huh?" Gary did so—and then hit the ground as the big man sent over a sudden left that sent the tenderfoot flying. "Warm enough fer yuh?"

Patricia Brent came upon the scene. Tex received such a tongue-lashing as he'd never had, and Patricia turned to help Gary to his feet. There was pity in her eyes, in her voice.

But Gary paid bitterly for her sympathy. For now Tex Lambert hated him, and added the burden of his persecution to that of Pete, the cook. Life was a nightmare for him—he wasn't even allowed a moment for himself. When the long hours of his regular day were over, he was put to work chopping wood. How he ever stood it, nobody will ever know. But gradually—so gradually that it went unnoticed—a change was taking place in

him. Constant exercise and the healthful, bracing air of the southwest were filling out his frame, adding to his muscles. But nobody knew *that*—not until the day when Pete the cook topped off a day of merciless nagging with a back-handed slap at his assistant. Slowly Gary rose, his face set grimly. "That's all," he said. "It's the finish. I've had it!" Pete felt himself jerked off his feet—and the next moment, he was deposited over Gary's knee—receiving an undignified spanking that left him black-and-blue and chastened for months. His howls brought the cowpokes on the run. Leading them was Tex. "Trouble-maker, eh?" he sneered. "I been waitin' fer a chance tuh give yuh the *full* treatment!" His fist flashed through the air—but Gary wasn't there.

The Bar Z cowpunchers are still talking about the strange miracle that came to pass on that momentous day. Tex Lambert was a renowned fighting man, one of the toughest hombres of the west—but what had happened to the weak tenderfoot that everybody picked on? This was a buzzsaw, a cyclone, a fighting fool! He was driving in with savvy, making every punch count. *Thud—thud—thud!* Coolly he took the measure of the staggering giant—and then came that final flashing piledriver that stretched Lambert on the ground unconscious!

Patricia had come out in time to see the conclusion of the contest, and later, Gary confessed to her that he'd been a renowned college boxer, until illness had laid him low, and forced him to come west to restore his shattered health. It was clear that he was in the pink now—and there was a foreman's job open, since Tex Lambert didn't dare stay on the same spread with his conqueror. So that's the way it was—and you know how often, in western stories, the new foreman gets to marry the girl ranch owner!

FLASH THE WONDER DOG

To the western outlaw of 100 years ago, the hooded horseman's name caused a shudder of fear! But it was more than his deadly six-guns and bruising fists they shied from --- and that something was a blazing bundle of canine cunning and fury called FLASH! Some said the dog had an almost human brain. And deeds like the following went far to spread the tale!

ARF!
ARF!

YOU'RE FLASH-- AND ORDINARILY YOU'RE ALL ALERTNESS! BUT RIGHT NOW YOU'RE STANDING IN ROOTED HORROR AS YOUR BELOVED MASTER GOES CAREENING TO ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH DOWN THE STEEP HILLSIDE! A MOMENT BEFORE EVERYTHING WAS NORMAL, BUT ONE SLIP OF THE HORSE'S FOOT IN THE TREACHEROUS GRAVEL, AND--

IT DIDN'T SEEM POSSIBLE FOR ANYTHING TO BREAK THAT HEADLONG FALL, FOR NOT EVEN YOU KNEW JUST HOW QUICK AND TRUE THE HOODED HORSEMAN'S REFLEXES WERE! A FEW CLUMPS OF SCRUB FOLIAGE, AND--

FLASH!
HELP
ME!

ARF!

IN AN INSTANT YOU'RE AT HIS SIDE--
YOU SEE THE AWFUL PAIN IN HIS
FACE--HEAR THE QUAVERING OF
HIS VOICE--

MUH--MUH LEG'S BROKEN,
BOY! CAIN'T--MOVE! GIT
HELP, FLASH--QUICK! THE
SUN'LL BE GITTIN' HOT AFORE
LONG--ENOUGH TUH ROAST
ME LIKE A CHICKEN!
GO ON, PAL--GO!



YOU UNDERSTAND WELL ENOUGH
--IT'S YOUR TASK TO BRING A
HUMAN BACK! BUT WHERE ARE
THEY TO BE FOUND IN THESE
GREAT OPEN STRETCHES?
SUDDENLY, YOU SPOT THAT TALL
HILL, AND YOU GET AN IDEA--



SLOWLY, YOUR KEEN EYES
SCAN THE SEEMINGLY LIMIT-
LESS HORIZONS -- AND YOU
SPOT A THIN COLUMN OF
SMOKE, A CHIMNEY OR,
CAMPFIRE FOR SURE!



A CYCLONE NEVER MOVED ANY FASTER
THAN YOUR LEGS DID THAT DAY--BUT
IN YOUR EXCITEMENT YOU KICKED UP A
BIT TOO MUCH OF A FUSS!

THUNDERATION!
THET WILD DOG'LL
STAMPEDE THE
STEERS SURE!
AS SHOOTIN'!

THAR'S
YORE
RIFLE,
JESSE!
SHOOT
THE
CRITTUR!



YOU
NEVER
EXPECTED
TO BE
STARING
DOWN
A GUN
BARREL
WHEN
YOU
REACHED
THAT
FARMYARD!
YOU
HAD NO
CHOICE
NOW
BUT
TO—



YOU DON'T HURT THE MAN, JUST KNOCK THE
GUN OUT OF HIS HANDS! YOU TRY TO SHOW
HIM THAT YOU WANT HIM TO FOLLOW BY TOSS-
ING YOUR HEAD, BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM TO
HAVE AS MUCH SENSE AS YOU'VE GOT!

HE--HE KEEPS
BARKIN' AN'
TOSSIN' HIS
HAID! WONDER
WHY?

'CAUSE HE'S LOCO,
THAT'S WHY! I'M
A-GOIN' TUH GIT MUH
PISTOL FROM THE
HOUSE!



THE SITUATION IS DESPERATE! YOU CAN'T COVER
BOTH OF THEM! FOR A MOMENT THERE'S A
FLICKER OF HOPE---

I AIN'T SO SURE,
CLARABELLE! LOOKS
TUH ME LIKE THE
HOUND'S TRYIN' TUH
TELL US,
SOMETHIN'!

HE'S JUST CRAZY WITH
THE HEAT! KEEP HIM
OCCUPIED, JESSE---
I'LL GIT MUH GUN
IN A JIFFY!



SHE HAS DISAPPEARED INTO THE HOUSE--AND YOU KNOW YOU'VE GOT TO GET AWAY! BUT YOU DON'T DARE, FOR YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THERE MAY BE OTHER HUMANS--AND YOUR MASTER NEEDS THEM! SUDDENLY, YOUR EYE FALLS ON THAT CLOTHESLINE--AND AN IDEA TAKES ROOT!



YOU'RE NOT WORRYING ABOUT HER WILD SHOTS--BUT YOU ARE SCARED OF THE MAN'S RIFLE, YOU PUT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT INTO EXTRA SPEED--

HE'S GETTIN' AWAY! AFTER HIM, JESSE-- GIT ON YORE HORSE!

GUESS THE HOUND IS LOCO--WHUT'S HE WANT WITH A CLOTHESLINE?

BANG!
BANG!



HE'S COME AFTER YOU, AS YOU'D HOPED--BUT THAT RIFLE OF HIS MAY DESTROY YOUR PLANS YET! YOU'VE GOT TO FLY--

BANG!



WHEN YOU REACH THE SPOT WHERE THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED YOU KNOW YOU'VE DONE YOUR JOB. BUT WHAT OF HIM? THERE'S A PULL OF FEAR AT YOUR HEART AS YOU SEE HOW STILL AND PALE HE IS--AND DESPERATELY YOU LISTEN FOR THE HOOVES OF THE APPROACHING HORSE!

GOT YUH CORNERED, YUH CRAZY MONGREL, AN' HOPPIN' HORNED TOADS! THAR'S A MAN THAR!

ARF!
ARF!



JUMPIN' JIMINY---IT'S THE HOODED HORSEMAN! SO YOU MUST BE FLASH! GOT TUH GIT 'IM BACK TUH THE HOUSE FAST, BOY-- HE NEEDS DOCTORIN'!



WEEKS LATER---

YUH'LL BE LEAVIN' US SOON, HORSEMAN--AN' WE WAS A-WONDERIN' IF YUH COULD TELL US WHAR WE COULD GIT A DOG LIKE FLASH! CLARABELLE AN' ME'S GROWN POWERFUL PARTIAL TUH TH' HOUND!

WISH I COULD HELP YUH OUT, JESSE--BUT WHEN THE GOOD LORD MADE FLASH HE MUST'VE THROWN AWAY THE MOLD!



PERILS *of the* OLD WEST

THE OLD WEST HAS VANISHED, GIVING WAY TO PAVED ROADS AND SLEEK SEDANS! BUT ONLY YESTERDAY IT HELD FORTH--SAVAGE, CRUEL AND RELENTLESS! AND MANY WERE THE DEADLY DANGERS OF THE BLAZING FRONTIER--THESE, FOR EXAMPLE!

PERIL LURKED EVERYWHERE FOR THE DARING PIONEERS OF THE WEST--OVERHEAD AND UNDERFOOT! FOR THERE THE VENOMOUS RATTLER PROWLED... FANGED DEATH FOR THE UNWARY!



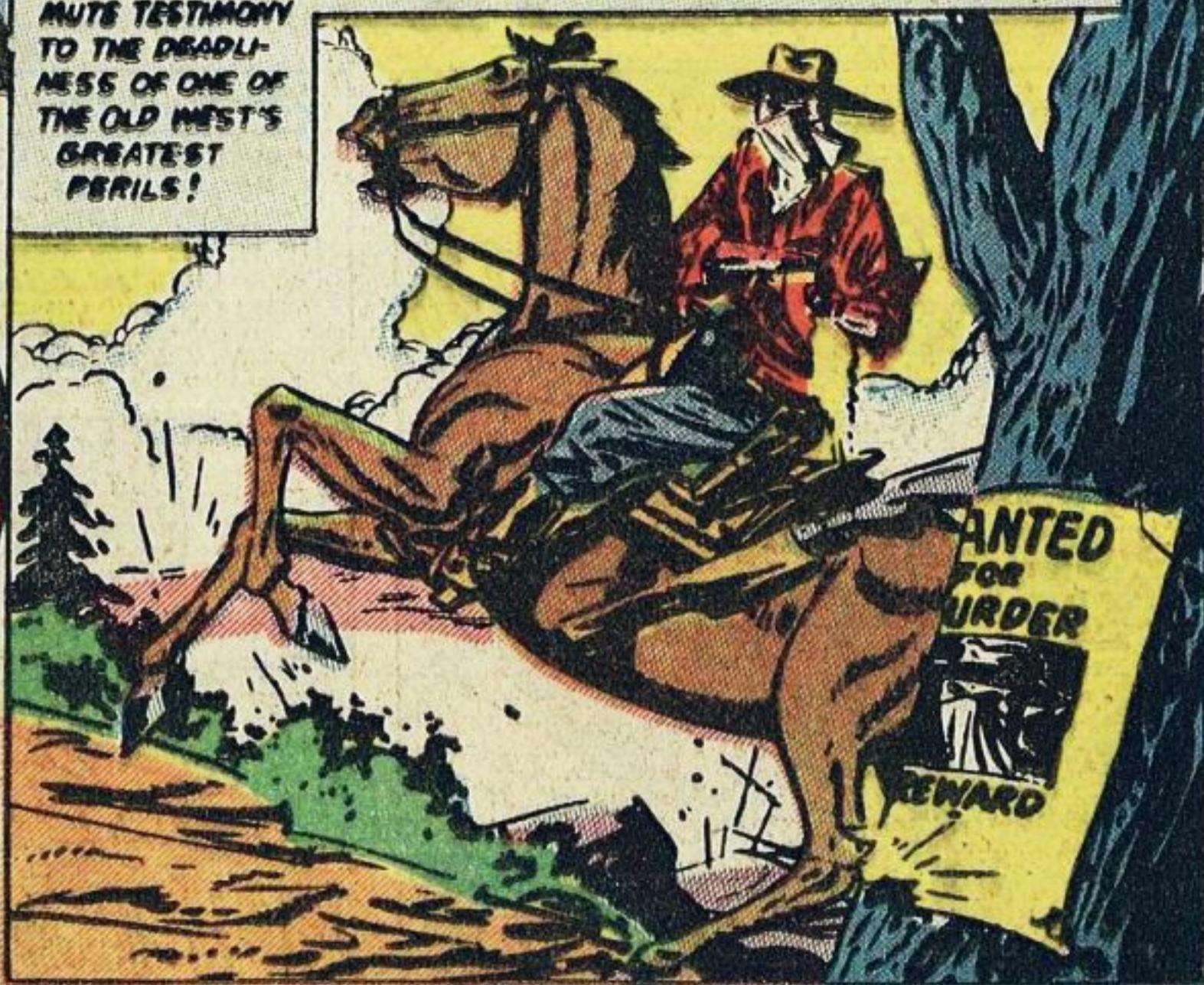
BUT THERE WAS MENACE IN HUMAN FORM, TOO--THE SAVAGE REDSKIN ON THE WARPATH! INPLACABLE FOE OF ALL "PALEFACES", HE ASKED NO QUARTER, GAVE NONE--IN A GRIM FIGHT TO THE FINISH!



THE OLD COWTOWNS KNEW THEIR DANGERS, TOO, EVEN IF OF ANOTHER KIND! THE CROOKED GAMBLER WITH HIS MARKED CARDS, FIXED ROULETTE AND FARO SETUPS--SENDING RUIN AND DESPAIR IN HIS WAKE!



HERE'S THE LAST--BUT BY NO MEANS THE LEAST! THE BADMAN... POST-RIDING, HARD-FIGHTING, QUICK ON THE TRIGGER AND MURDEROUS! HIS COUNTLESS VICTIMS LIE BURIED IN "BOOT HILLS" EVERYWHERE... MUTE TESTIMONY TO THE DEADLINESS OF ONE OF THE OLD WEST'S GREATEST PERILS!

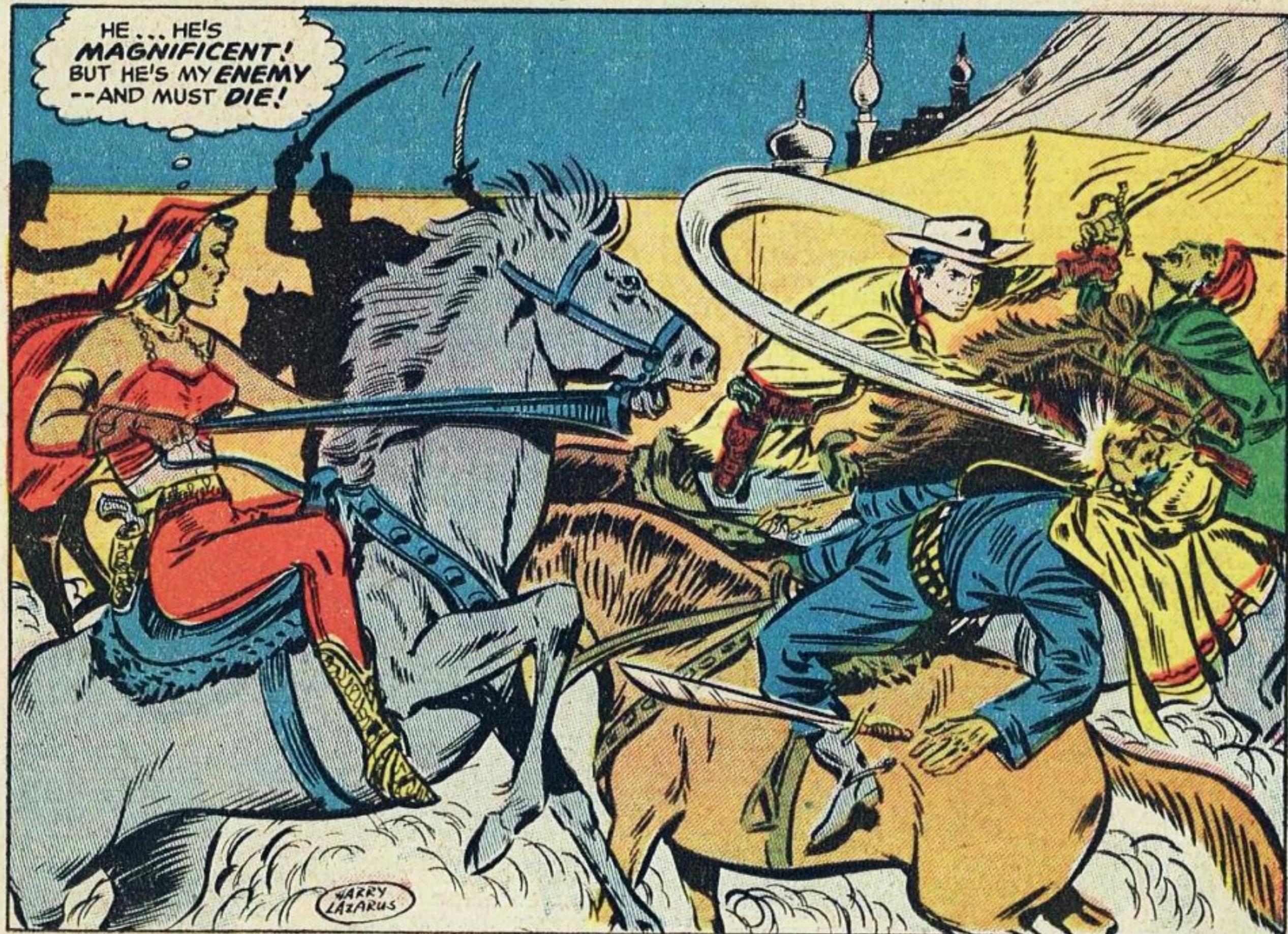


AND HERE WAS ANOTHER GREAT PERIL--LONG THE GAMBLER'S STANDBY! THE BERRINGER--THAT SMALL AND FATAL HIDEAWAY GUN THAT BROUGHT QUICK DEATH IN COUNTLESS SNEAK ATTACKS!



THE TWO-FISTED, GUN-SLINGING EXPLOITS OF THE WYOMING WADDY, JOE KING, ARE NOW LEGENDARY! HOW HE WON A GREAT EMPIRE IN FABULOUS INDIA HAS ALREADY BEEN TOLD! BUT IN THE PROCESS HE MADE POWERFUL ENEMIES-- AND AMONG THEM, THE BEAUTIFUL AND SINISTER QUEEN RANI THE CRUEL, WHO'D VOWED TO DESTROY HIM! THERE'S A RIP-ROARING DOSE OF BLAZING ACTION COMING YOUR WAY, AS WE JOURNEY TO MYSTERIOUS INDIA, AND THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF...

COWBOY SAHIB!



IN THE GORGEOUS PALACE OF JOE KING, AMERICAN RULER OF THE INDIAN EMPIRE OF LARIJUNA...

BUT YOU MUST HEED MY WARNING, COWBOY SAHIB! **RANI THE CRUEL** IS NOT ONE TO FORGET THE HUMILIATION OF DEFEAT AT YOUR HANDS! SHE WILL STRIKE BACK!

SHUCKS,
KRISHNA,
THAR'S NOTHIN'
TUH WORRY
ABOUT!

SHE AIN'T THE FIRST FILLY I'VE PUT IN HER PLACE, AND HER BEIN' A QUEEN DON'T MAKE IT NO DIFFERENT! NOW BE A GOOD FELLA AN' HAVE THE KITCHEN SEND UP A MAN-SIZE STEAK!

AS YOU WISH,
MY RULER!

MEANWHILE, IN NEIGHBORING SANKARA, EMPIRE OF THE REIGNING QUEEN RANI THE CRUEL --

IT IS DONE, HIGHNESS! TWO OF YOUR LOYAL SUBJECTS PREPARE TO EXECUTE YOUR PLAN AT ANY MOMENT!

THEN REVENGE WILL SOON BE MINE! SOON COWBOY SAHIB WILL BE PLEADING FOR MERCY!

EVEN AS THE QUEEN SPOKE, HER TWO SPIES PLANTED IN COWBOY SAHIB'S COURT PREPARED TO ACT...

TAKE HEED, RASU! THE FOOD BEARER COMES THIS WAY!

GOOD! THIS IS THE MOMENT...



MINUTES LATER, AT THE PALACE GATES...

BY YOUR PERMISSION,
THE RUG REPAIRERS, **RASU**
AND **KATHAR**, HAVING
FINISHED THEIR BUSINESS,
ARE READY TO LEAVE!

PASS!



THEN, AT A FURIOUS GALLOP, THE SPIES THUNDERED OFF ACROSS THE ENDLESS PLAINS THAT ROLLED TOWARDS THE BORDER OF SAVAGE SANKARA...



NEXT MORNING, WHEN THE RUG WAS UNROLLED
AT RANI'S FEET...

DOES THIS
PLEASE
YOUR
HIGHNESS?

GREATLY! NOW LEAVE
ME ALONE WITH HIM!
GO... ALL OF YOU!



SLOWLY THE LEADEN-FILLED MOMENTS DRAGGED
BY, AND CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNED TO COWBOY
SAHIB...

WH--WHAR
AM I?

IN MY POWER, PROUD
ONE! AND YOU'LL PAY
WITH YOUR **LIFE** FOR THE
HUMILIATION I SUFFERED
AT YOUR HANDS!



SEE MY LITTLE PETS--
SLAVERING FOR PREY?
CRY OUT, COWBOY
SAHIB -- BEG FOR
MERCY!



THE RAVENOUS BEASTS DREW CLOSE, CLOSER, AND
THEN--UNEXPECTEDLY--

NO--WAIT!
BACK, HARUN!
--BACK!



I-I GET IT! YUH'RE FIGURIN' ON PROLONGIN' THE AGONY-- TUH MAKE ME SUFFER MORE!

THE FOOL DOESN'T REALIZE THAT I LOVE HIM-- THAT I COULDN'T BEAR TO WATCH HIM DIE! RANI HAS BECOME A WEAKLING!

YES, COWBOY SAHIB-- YOU ARE RIGHT! I'LL LET YOU WONDER WHEN DEATH SHALL COME! MEANWHILE YOU WILL AMUSE ME IN A CONTEST OF SPORTS WITH MY PICKED GUARDS!

YUH'RE RIDIN' FOR A FALL, GAL-- MARK MUH WORDS!



THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE CONTESTS WERE UNDER WAY...

NOT BAD! ONLY IT'S KINDA SLOW AND STIFF!



CONCEITED OAF! HERE ARE YOUR GUNS, BUT REMEMBER-- TRY ANYTHING AND MY GUARDS WILL KILL YOU ON THE SPOT!



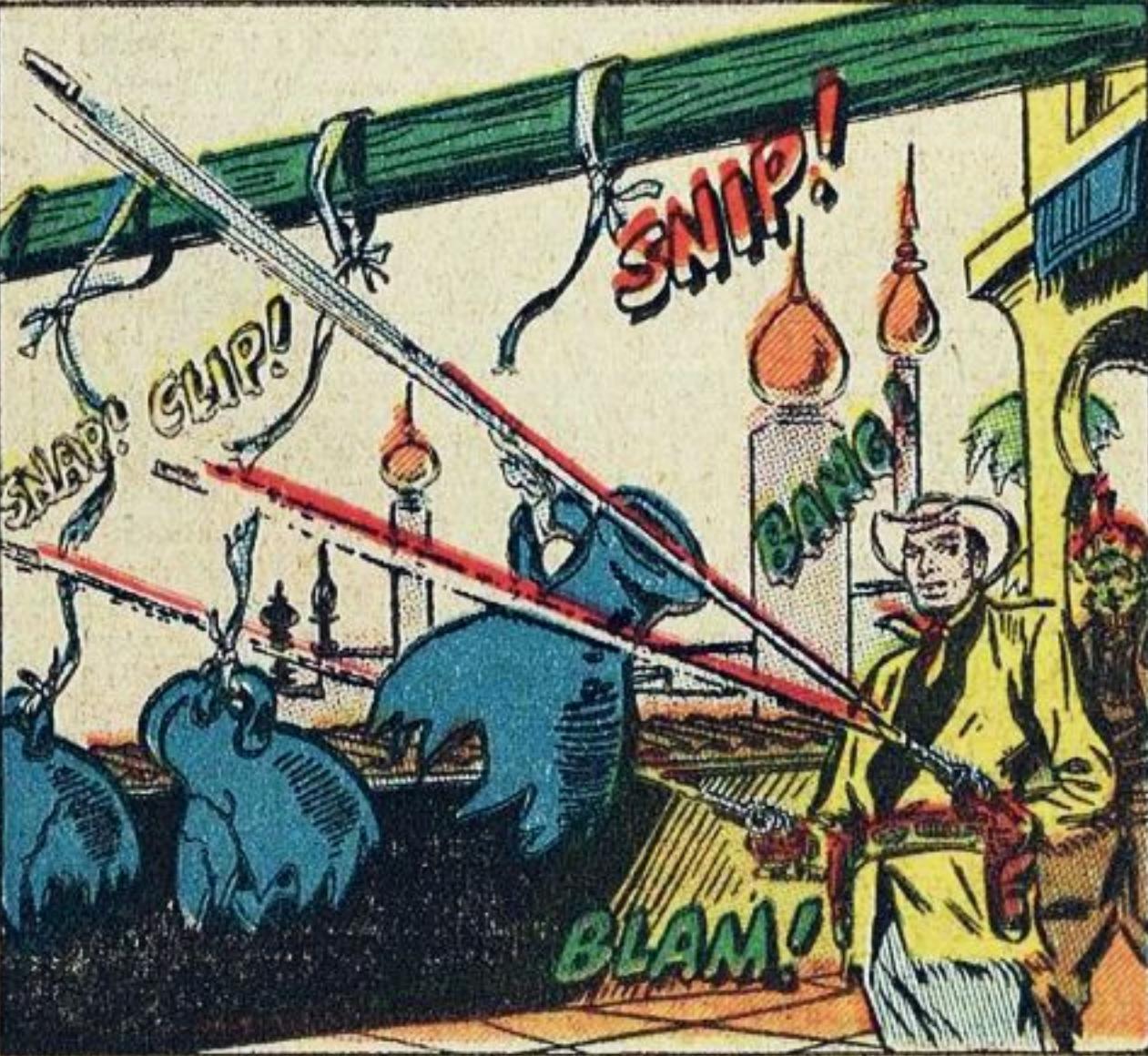
YOU'VE GOT THE WORD OF A WYOMIN' COWBOY, AN' THAR'S NONE BETTER!

CASUALLY COWBOY SAHIB TOOK HIS GUNS, AND THEN, WITH SCARCELY A GLANCE AT THE TARGET, THE COLTS RANG OUT WITH SHATTERING BURSTS...



THE FOOL WAS LUCKY, GREAT RANI! NOTHING ELSE!

SHUCKS, FELLA, IT WEREN'T LUCK... LOOK!



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Kids!**

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AND YOUR HACKING BOTHERS OTHERS...

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YOU <u>REALLY</u> WORKED! |
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LATER, BACK INSIDE RANI'S THRONE ROOM...

LEAVE US! I
WOULD SPEAK ALONE
WITH THE PRISONER!

AS YOU
SAY, OUR
QUEEN!

THERE WAS A LONG SILENCE, AND THEN
HER WORDS CAME... SLOWLY... FALTERINGLY...

I-I MUST BE HONEST
WITH YOU, COWBOY SAHIB!
YOU HAVE WON MY HEART--
AND AGAIN I OFFER YOU
MY HAND AND MY KINGDOM!
I BEG YOU -- DO NOT
REFUSE!

AN' IF I
DO--
YOU'LL
KILL
ME!

I GUESS YUH AIN'T LEARNED YET THAT I
DON'T LIKE **THREATS**! YUH'D HAVE TUH
CHANGE YORE WAYS **PLENTY**-- BEFORE
I'D EVEN MULL OVER YORE
PROPOSITION!

I-I SEE!
IN OTHER
WORDS--
YOU **DO**
REFUSE!

TOO LONG HAVE I DALLIED
WITH YOU! NOW YOU SHALL
LEARN WHY IT IS I AM
CALLED **RANI THE CRUEL**!

YUH'RE MIGHTY
PRETTY WHEN
YUH'RE RILED,
GAL -- BUT THE
ANSWER'S STILL
NO!

AT THAT MOMENT--

YOUR HIGHNESS, OUR
BORDERS HAVE BEEN
CROSSED BY **GENGHIS**
CHU AND HIS MURDEROUS
HORDE! THEIR NUMBERS
ARE LIKE THE LOCUSTS!

HOPPIN' HORNERED
TOADS! THAT
POSES A THREAT
TO MY SPREAD--
LARIJUNA!

LISTEN TUH **ME**, RANI -- AND LISTEN
CLOSE! YOU'VE SAID A LOT ABOUT OUR
JOININ' FORCES! WELL, HERE'S THE TIME
TO ACT! THIS GENGHIS CHU FELLA IS
OUT TO POCKET YOUR COUNTRY **AND**
LARIJUNA! SUPPOSE WE MAKE 'IM
CHANGE HIS MIND!

BUT HOW?
I--I-- ALL RIGHT!
ALL AUTHORITY
IS YOURS!

SWIFTLY, WHILE COWBOY SAHIB SUMMONED HIS TROOPS FROM LARIJUNA, THE FEARSOME GENGHIS CHU MOVED RELENTLESSLY FORWARD...

THE SANKARANS FLEE LIKE RABBITS, GREAT ONE!

IT WILL AVAIL THEM LITTLE! COME -- FORWARD!



DEPLOYED IN THE HIGH GRASS ALONG THE EDGES OF THE PLAIN, COWBOY SAHIB AND HIS TROOPS PATIENTLY WAITED...

THEY ARE ALMOST UPON US, SAHIB!

I RECKON SO, SURI! PASS THE WORD DOWN THE LINE! FIRE AT WILL!



IN A THUNDEROUS BLAST, COUNTLESS RIFLES SHATTERED THE SILENCE WITH SLAMMING FURY...

THEY ARE MAKING A STAND, MASTER!

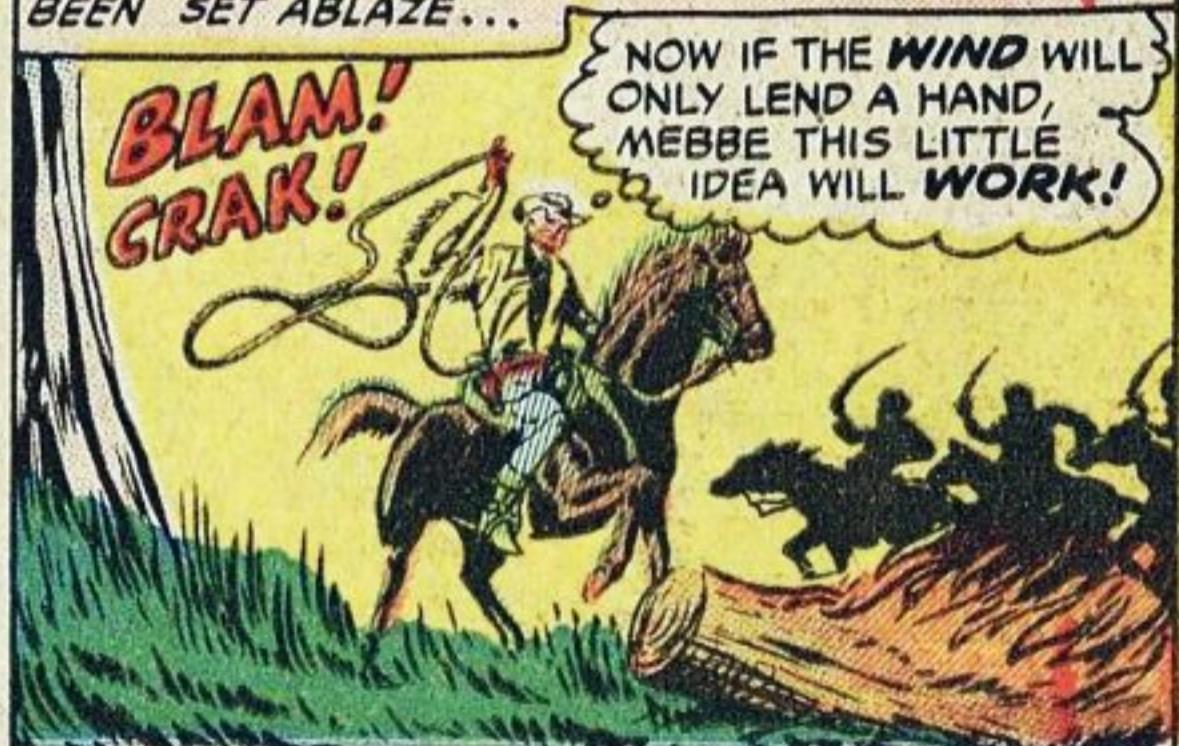
SOUND THE ATTACK! SO THE FOOLS WOULD RESIST, EH?



THE OPPOSING FORCES GALLOPED LIKE THUNDER ON TO THE FIELD--AND A RAGING BATTLE COMMENCED, WITH COWBOY SAHIB IN ITS MIDST--



BACK AND FORTH THE STRUGGLE RAGED, AND THEN, WITH AN EXPERT TOSS OF HIS LARIAT, COWBOY SAHIB ROPED A TREE STUMP THAT HAD BEEN SET ABLAZE...



THAT'S IT, RAJAH! DIG THEM HOOF'S!



LOOK, MASTER! A WALL OF FIRE CUTS OFF OUR RETREAT!

AND THE WIND BLOWS THIS WAY! WE ARE TRAPPED!



YOU MISLED ME, DOG! YOU SAID THIS COWBOY SAHIB WAS A FOOL AND A COWARD! BUT HE IS BRAVE AND CLEVER!

OH--HH!

FOR A SHORT WHILE LONGER THE STRUGGLE CONTINUED! THEN...

WAIT, SAHIB!

THEY WAVE THE FLAG OF SURRENDER!

GOOD! I RECKON WE GOT 'EM CORRALED!

BAM

ROUND 'EM UP, BOYS--PRONTO!

MERCY, COWBOY SAHIB! NEVER SHALL WE BEAR ARMS AGAINST YOU!

MERCY!

AS THE PRISONERS FILED PAST THE VICTORS--

I WILL DEAL WITH THESE JACKALS! IN MATTERS LIKE THIS I HAVE SKILLS YOU WILL NEVER POSSESS!

I DON'T DOUBT IT, RANI! THAT'S WHY I'M SHIPPING 'EM TO LARIJUNA!

SO YOU STILL OPPOSE ME! IT IS ON YOUR HEAD THAT WE ARE ENEMIES!

NOT EXACTLY ENEMIES, RANI! LET'S SAY FRIENDLY ENEMIES!

ADIOS, RANI--I RECKON WE WON'T BE MEETIN' AGAIN!

THAT IS WHAT HE THINKS! BUT SOME DAY, SOMEWHERE--WE WILL MEET AGAIN!

THERE'LL BE MORE BLAZING COWBOY SAHIB ACTION COMING YOUR WAY--IN OUR NEXT ISSUE! DON'T MISS IT!

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ROUNDUP TIME

TOP O' THE MORNIN' tuh yuh, amigos! It's a warm, friendly sort of thing, having friends drop by—and what better time for it than *Roundup Time*—when the fans of "Hooded Horseman," that great comics magazine of the west, get together to talk shop! And here's an interesting subject for discussion: where are all the western fans coming from? What accounts for the great upsurge in interest in things having to do with the wide rangeland?

At first glance, the answer does not seem too obvious. The thing which put us on the trail was a remark let drop by old Pecos McGee, one of the few still-living pioneers who shot it out with the Injuns in those long-vanished days of the westward trek. "The west is changin'," said old Pecos. "I don't mean because o' trains, planes an' gas buggies—they're a nuisance, but that's still plenty o' rangeland, if yuh savvy whar tuh look fer it! It's them tenderfeet! Time was when thar was always a few of 'em underfoot, good fer a laugh! But now—they're all gone, plumb disappeared!"

Seems remarkable, doesn't it—particularly since it's *true!* Yes, the tenderfoot is the real vanishing American. He's vanished on the crest of the wave of national interest in the mighty land that lies between the Missouri and the Golden Gate. People everywhere have become conscious of the strength, the raw power of fascination, the romance of the west. They have become aware that much of the glamor of our national tradition has arisen out of this great area. And so, as a people, we've turned to a study of the west. We've visited it, read about it, responded to it. How else to account for the vast popularity of the rodeo, for instance? How else to explain the upsurge of the "dude ranch" throughout the east? We might go so far as to say that out of all this, there is emerging a generation that can outride, outrope—yes, even outshoot the fabled old westerners, if it's target practice we're considering! And out of all this, also, has arisen a nationwide interest in magazines that are faithful to the true western tradition. This, we feel, accounts for the popularity of "*The Hooded Horseman*"!

IN THE DESPERATE ATMOSPHERE OF THE FLAMING FRONTIER, A THOUSAND DEATHLESS LEGENDS WERE BORN! AND YET, TRUTH HAS ALWAYS REMAINED STRANGER THAN FICTION -- AND WHAT BETTER PROOF OF THIS THAN THE INCREDIBLE EXPLOITS OF A MERE LAD WHOM ALL THE BLAZING WEST CAME TO KNOW AS --

JOHNNY INJUN!

EE-YAA! EE-YAA!

RIDE - RIDE FOR YOUR LIVES!



THE SAGA BEGAN AMID THE SMOKING RUINS OF A WAGON TRAIN WIPE OUT BY APACHES! IT WAS CHIEF RUNNING DEER, THE KINDLY RULER OF THE PEACEFUL PEIGANS, WHO BY LUCKY CHANCE PASSED AND HEARD THE WAIL OF AN INFANT --

ITS PARENTS SOUGHT TO SAVE ITS LIFE BY HIDING IT HERE IN THE BUSHES -- AND WE WILL NOT LEAVE IT TO DIE!

AND SO THE WHITE BABY WAS RAISED BY THE CHIEF HIMSELF, AND LIVED THE LIFE OF ANY OTHER INDIAN CHILD --

BUT VERY EARLY JOHNNY SHOWED SIGNS OF THE GREAT DESTINY WHICH WOULD BE HIS -- AS WHEN HE SINGLE-HANDEDLY KILLED A HUGE BEAR, AND WON THE COVETED PRIVILEGES OF A FULL BRAVE --



NOT ONLY HIS FATHER, BUT THE WHOLE TRIBE HAD A SPECIAL CONFIDENCE IN JOHNNY! BUYING SALT IN THE NEARBY TOWN BECAME A ROUTINE TASK, AND THAT'S HOW ONE OF HIS MOST DARING ADVENTURES STARTED --

WHENEVER I SEE AN INJUN-- MUH TRIGGER FINGER GETS MIGHTY ITCHY! RECKON I'LL HAVE ME SOME FUN WITH THAT REDSKIN THAR!

TAKE IT EASY, AMIGO--UNLESS YUH'RE HANKERIN' TUH LOSE YORE SCALP! THAT'S-- JOHNNY INJUN!

SO? IT DON'T MEAN NOTHIN' TUH ME!

HIS FATHER'S THE PEIGAN CHIEF, PARD --AN' IF YUH MESSED ONE O' THE KID'S HA'R'S THEY'D SKIN YUH ALIVE!



CASUAL WORDS, BUT THEY GAVE LUKE SLADE AN IDEA! A DESPERADO WITH A PRICE ON HIS HEAD, HE NEEDED MONEY-- PRONTO! HE NEEDED HIS TWO HENCHMEN FOR THIS JOB--AND KNEW JUST WHERE TO FIND THEM!



FOLLOWING LUKE'S LEAD THE TRIO RODE HARD TO A BLIND SPOT ON THE TRAIL OUT OF TOWN --

I DON'T SAVVY, BOSS! YUH FIXIN' TUH STOP A STAGE?

THAR'LL BE AN INJUN KID ALONG HERE ANY MINUTE! WE'RE STOPPIN' HIM--AN' I FIGURE HE'LL BE WORTH A LOT MORE'N A STAGE!



JOHNNY, HAVING COMPLETED HIS PURCHASE, WAS GALLOPING EASILY BACK TO THE PEIGAN VILLAGE WHEN--



THEY THOUGHT THE JOB WAS GOING TO BE EASY--BUT THEY SOON LEARNED HOW WRONG THEY WERE!



WHEN THE BOY WAS FINALLY OVERWHELMED BY SHEER BRAWN--

MY FATHER-- KILL YOU FOR THIS!

SHUT UP! YORE PAW'S GOIN' TUH GIT UP LOTS O' DINERO--OR HE'LL NEVER SEE YUH AGIN!



THE CAPTIVE WAS TIED AND BLINDFOLDED, SO THAT HE'D NEVER KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE OUTLAWS' SECRET HIDEOUT! BUT UNKNOWN TO THEM, HE WAS ALREADY LEAVING A CLUE FOR THE BRAVES HE KNEW WOULD SOON BE LOOKING FOR HIM-- HIS BRACELET!

BY MORNIN' THE PEIGANS SHOULD BE GOOD AN' WORRIED ABOUT THE KID-- AN' READY TUH TALK BUSINESS! OKAY, AMIGOS--LET'S GIT!



JOHNNY'S CUNNING MIND WORKED AT LIGHTNING SPEED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO MARK THE TRAIL! THEN, REMEMBERING THE BAGS OF SALT--

MAKE HOLE WITH LITTLE FINGER! DROP LITTLE SALT ALONG WAY--MAKE EASY TRAIL FOR RUNNING DEER!



AFTER A LONG RIDE --

THAR'S THE CANYON ENTRANCE! WHEN WE GET TUH THE HIDEOUT WE KIN SHOOT ONE O' THESE BUFFALO FER FRESH MEAT TONIGHT! MIGHTY BIG HERD!

MUST REMEMBER-- BIG HERD BUFFALO NEAR CANYON ENTRANCE!



IT WAS A LONG, NARROW CANYON, WITH SHEER WALLS ON ALL SIDES! AT ITS END--

THAR SHE IS--BEST HIDEOUT IN THE WEST! ENOUGH AMMO AN' SALTED MEAT IN THE CAVE TUH HOLD OFF AN ARMY FER MONTHS! JIGGER, YUH BETTER STAY DOWN HERE ON GUARD WITH THE HORSES FER THE NIGHT--JEST IN CASE!



WHEN I'M UP PUT THE ROPE UNDER THE KID'S ARMS AN' I'LL PULL 'IM UP!

LUKE, YUH'RE SHORE A SMART CUSS! THIS WAY THERE AIN'T NO WAY O' THE KID TELLIN' ABOUT THIS HIDEOUT! WE'LL BE ABLE TUH USE IT AGIN!



IT WAS A TRICKY BUSINESS, BUT IT WENT WITHOUT MISHAP--



INSIDE THE CAVE THE BOY'S BLINDFOLD WAS REMOVED--

RECKON WE BETTER CHOW UP AN' GIT SOME SLEEP! I'LL HEAD FER THE PEIGAN VILLAGE AT DAWN TUH POWWOW WITH RUNNIN' DEER--TAKIN' ALONG THE KID'S HEAD DRESS FER PROOF!

NO SENSE TAKING CHANCES WITH THIS ORNERY CUSS! BETTER KEEP 'IM TIED UP ALL NIGHT!



THERE WAS BUT ONE THOUGHT ON JOHNNY INJUN'S MIND--ESCAPE! NO SOONER WERE HIS TWO CAPTORS ASLEEP THAN--

SHARP STONE MAKE QUICK WORK OF ROPE--BUT WHAT THEN?



BUT MANY HOURS BEFORE, IN THE PEIGAN VILLAGE, CHIEF RUNNING DEER HAD BECOME VERY WORRIED--

JOHNNY NEVER LATE FROM TOWN BEFORE! MAYBE HE HAVE ACCIDENT ON TRAIL--BETTER GO LOOK!

MAYBE HIM HAVE TROUBLE IN TOWN!



BUT IN TOWN, STUNNING NEWS!

WHY SHORE-- JOHNNY LEFT HERE HOURS AGO!

AND WE NO SEE HIM ON TRAIL COMING HERE! COME, MY BRAVES--WE MUST RIDE!



GALLOPING AT TOP SPEED BACK OVER THE TRAIL, THE INDIANS SCRUTINIZED EVERY INCH OF THE GROUND FLYING BY, UNTIL--

LOOK! JOHNNY'S BRACELET! TRACKS OF MANY HORSES-- SIGNS OF STRUGGLE!

AND HERE THIN LINE OF SALT! BOY MARKING TRAIL FOR US!



PAINSTAKINGLY, THE INDIAN PARTY FOLLOWED THE TINY PARTICLES WITH ALL SPEED! BUT ALREADY THE LIGHT WAS FAILING, MAKING THE TASK ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE--

ALMOST NO CAN SEE SALT! GET DARK SOON!

WE GO ON TILL NO CAN SEE ANYTHING! THEN WE CAMP AND WAIT TILL FIRST LIGHT! BOY IN BAD TROUBLE!



TOWARDS MIDNIGHT JOHNNY AT LAST SAWED HIMSELF FREE OF HIS BONDS! TIP-TOEING AMONG THE SLEEPING KILLERS TO THE EDGE OF THE CAVE--

TOO SHEER FOR CLIMBING DOWN-- ANYHOW, WHITE MAN ON GUARD BELOW! MUST TRY UP--NO OTHER WAY!



IT WAS A DESPERATE CHANCE --WITH DEATH YAWNING BELOW! HIS LIFE HUNG BY HIS FINGERNAILS AND THE SCRUBBY GROWTHS WHICH CLUNG FROM THE CLIFF WALLS--

ARMS-- WEARY! BUT MUST GO ON-- ON--



BUT BOUNDLESS COURAGE AND WIRY MUSCLES WON OUT! AND YET, DESPITE THE HARROWING ORDEAL, THERE COULD BE ONLY A MOMENT'S REST--

MUST GET BACK TO VILLAGE --GET RUNNING DEER AND BRAVES! LUCKY STAR SHINE BRIGHT--GIVE ME DIRECTION--



HE KNEW THERE WERE DANGERS GALORE ON THE NIGHT-SHROUDED PRAIRIE, WHERE COUGAR AND COYOTES AWAITED PREY, BUT IN HIS HEART BURNED DETERMINATION --



MEANWHILE, WHERE RUNNING DEER AND HIS BRAVES HAD GRIMLY CAMPED FOR THE NIGHT--



IN THE DARKNESS IT WAS ALMOST A TRAGEDY--AS THE JUMPY INDIANS ANTICIPATED AN ENEMY AND STRUCK--



IN A TRICE HE HAD TOLD THE WHOLE STORY, AND DESCRIBED THE HIDEOUT! THEN--



AS THEY GALLOPED BACK TO THE CANYON, JOHNNY EXPLAINED THE PLAN WHICH HAD TAKEN ROOT IN HIS MIND! RUNNING DEER LISTENED CAREFULLY, WEIGHING THE DETAILS OVER AND OVER AGAIN! THEN--



IT WAS EXACTLY AS JOHNNY HAD FIGURED! AS SOON AS THE WHITES LEFT THE CAVE AND SPURRED THEIR HORSES FURIOUSLY TOWARDS THE SINGLE EXIT FROM THE CANYON, THE POSTED LOOKOUT SIGNALLED--



BLACKIE WAS THE FIRST TO ARISE WHEN THE FIRST BEAMS OF SUNLIGHT PENETRATED THE CAVE, AND IN A MOMENT THE OUTLAWS HAD LEARNED THE WORST!



THE PEACEFULLY GRAZING HERD TERRIFIED BY THE SUDDEN SHRIEKS, BOLTED--DIRECTLY INTO THE PATH OF THE ONCOMING WHITES!





BUT THE OUTLAWS' INTENTIONS HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED! AS SOON AS THE STAMPEDE WAS UNDER WAY--

IN THE NICK OF TIME, THE DESPERADOES REACHED THE SAFETY OF THE HIGH GROUND.

FROM A POINT AT THE RIM OF THE CLIFF JOHNNY WAITED TILL THE FRANTIC OUTLAWS HAD SCAMPERED A LITTLE WAY UP THE TAUT ROPE! THEN--

UP TO THE RIM OF THE CANYON! QUICK--FOLLOW US! GET BOW AND ARROWS READY!

MADE IT! WE'LL HAVE TUH ABANDON THE HORSES TUH THE SKULKIN' REDSKINS-- BUT AS SOON AS WE'RE IN THE CAVE WE KIN BLAST THE HEAD OFF ANY INJUN IN SIGHT!

C'MON, BOSS-- HURRY! NO TELLIN' WHERE THEM INJUNS ARE AT NOW!

BLAZES! THE ROPE'S CUT!



As they crashed back to earth the Indians loosed a hail of arrows close by, while Johnny lowered a rope--

DON'T REACH FOR YOUR GUNS, JACKALS --OR MY BRAVES WILL SHOOT STRAIGHT! CLIMB UP THIS ROPE-- NO TRICKS!

YUH--YUH GOT US, KID! WE'RE COMIN'-- TAKE IT EASY!



YUH DON'T DARE HARM A WHITE MAN! REMEMBER, THE FEDERAL TROOPS--



The End

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RELAX, GENERAL! I'LL GO!

BUT, CHARLEY, THIS IS A SOLDIER'S JOB -- AND YOU'RE JUST A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT! I MIGHT CONSIDER SENDING YOU, BUT ONLY IF YOU TAKE A DETAIL OF SOLDIERS WITH YOU!

THE MORE MEN, THE MORE DANGER O' DISCOVERY!

I'LL GO ALONE!

TRAVELING BY NIGHT, CHARLEY REYNOLDS BEGAN THE LONG JOURNEY THROUGH AN UNKNOWN COUNTRY BRISTLING WITH HOSTILE REDSKINS!

CAN'T GO TWO MILES WITHOUT PASSING SOME SIOUX CAMP! ONE WHINNY OUT OF YOU, HOSS, AN' FIVE HUNDRED TOMAHAWKS WILL BE COMIN' MY WAY!

BUT CHARLEY COULDN'T KEEP OUT OF SIGHT ALL THE TIME -- SO FOR THREE DAYS HE OUTRODE, OUTFOUGHT, AND OUTMANEUVERED COUNTLESS SCALP-HUNTING INDIANS!

IF I CAN JUST MAKE IT TO THAT BEND IN THE GORGE, I'LL DOUBLE UP ON MY TRACKS AN' LEAVE 'EM CHASIN' THIN AIR!

AND AT SUN-UP OF THE FOURTH DAY, CHARLEY APPEARED AT THE GATES OF LARAMIE, HIS THROAT AND TONGUE SWOLLEN TO SUCH AN EXTENT FROM THE INTENSE HEAT AND LACK OF WATER THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO SPEAK A WORD!

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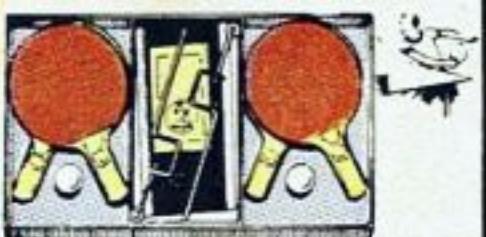
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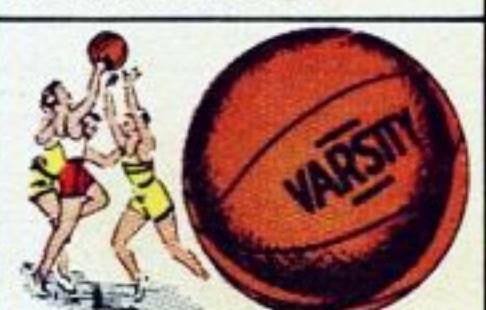
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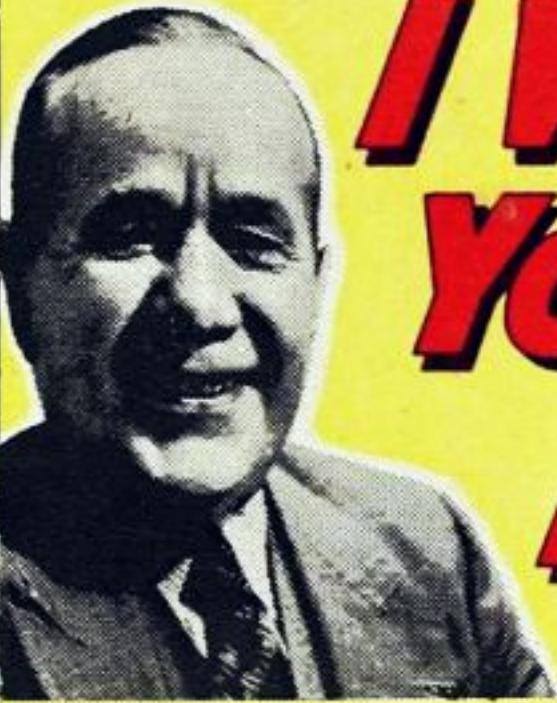
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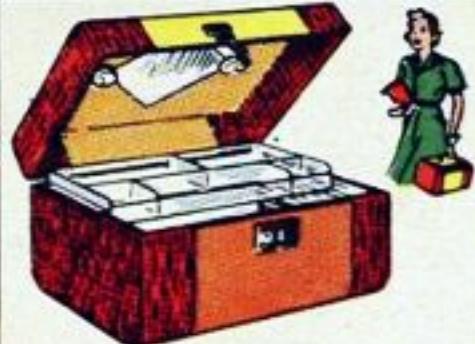
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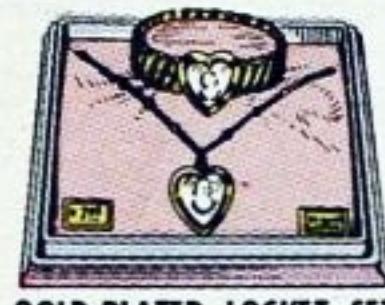


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